

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1284

By Stewart

A RESOLUTION to commend Samantha Beltran for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session, this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Beltran is one such individual, who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative Mike Stewart, chair of the House Democratic Caucus; Ms. Beltran's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Tennessee State University (TSU), where she is highly regarded by her peers, Samantha Beltran will soon graduate *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and a minor in Geography; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Beltran is a Canadian student who has attended TSU on a full athletic scholarship for volleyball; and

WHEREAS, throughout her four-year tenure at TSU, Ms. Beltran was the starting setter for the women's volleyball team and provided leadership as captain during the 2017-2018 season; she received numerous athletic accolades, including being named to the 2016 All-Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Preseason Team, 2017 OVC Second Team All-Conference, and the 2017 Tiger Invitational Tournament Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, on the academic side of her TSU career, Samantha Beltran was named to the 2014-2015 and 2016-2017 OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll, received the 2015-2016 OVC Academic Medal of Honor, and was honored as the 2016 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar; and

WHEREAS, a leader on campus, she is an author for the TSU student newspaper, *The Meter*, a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the TSU representative to the Student Athlete Advisory Committee for the Ohio Valley Conference; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her academic, athletic, and other commitments, Samantha Beltran serves as the head coach for the Club West youth volleyball team and is an active volunteer with a number of environmental organizations, including the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society and Socket, the Nashville Sustainability Outlet; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Samantha is most grateful for the love, companionship, and support she shares with her parents, Theresa and Franz Beltran, and her two sisters; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government and to further her studies, Samantha Beltran brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2018 session of the One Hundred Tenth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2018 legislative session, Samantha Beltran has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Beltran has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Samantha Beltran for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Mike Stewart and the House Democratic Caucus and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.